The South 40

Treat tobacco for nematodes

By James A. Smith
Extension Agent

Last week results of nematode assay samples from fire cured and flue tobacco indicated high levels of root-knot nematodes.

In fields where the levels of nematodes justify treatment, increase returns per acre for flue tobacco range from $500 to $1000. For dark tobacco increase will range from $300 to $700.

It is important for anyone growing tobacco in 1983 to pull these samples and have the fields checked.

Two weeks ago the cyst nematode was found in Mecklenburg County for the first time. Previously this parasite was known to be present in the eight-county area of Amelia, Nottoway, Lunenburg, Brunswick, Dinwiddie, Prince Edward, Chesterfield and Greensville.

The cyst nematode is more difficult to control than root-knot and can cause up to 60% yield reduction when tobacco follows tobacco. In 1982, 35 producers in the eight-county area suffered about $700,000 loss from the cyst nematode because the wrong nematicide was used.

I urge all tobacco growers to check their fields. It has to be done prior to November 30. So time is getting away from us. Special collection bags are available from the County Extension Office.

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The spring bull consignment was delivered to the Red House Bull Evaluation Center last week. There are 11 angus and 23 polled hereford.

Earlier 40 heifers were put on test. This is made up of 11 angus and 29 polled hereford.

Visit the test center and watch these bulls and heifers. There will be an "Open House" for persons interested in beef cattle, Wednesday, December 29. Details later.

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There's only a small acreage of burley tobacco grown in Appomattox County. When the tobacco is marketed, producers often pick up seed supplies for the next year.

Recently Kentucky and Tennessee required that all tobacco seed offered for sale be a certified class of seed.

It appears that both F1 hybrid and F2 hybrid seed are being marketed. Hybrid seed is the seed produced from crossing two genetically different parents. F2 is not a hybrid, but it is the increase of F1 seed. One can expect F2 seed to be more variable in disease resistance, plant type, and lower yielding than the F1 seed.

I understand that a large part of the 1981 seed crop was not certified this opens up Virginia as a "dumping ground" for the undesirable seed.

Use only F1 seed, and read the labeled information carefully before buying.

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There's a new Virginia released barley called Sussex. A limited amount of seed will be available for 1983 planting.

It is resistant to barley yellow dwarf, scald and mildew. It is awnleted (like Surry and Henry), moderately low in bushel test weight, medium in height, early (1 to 3 days later than Barsoy), high yielding and moderately susceptible to winter killing.

It's slightly less winter hardy than Barsoy, but similar to Boone. In 11 tests in Virginia it averaged 63 percent survived as opposed to 87% survival for Maury and Henry.

In 20 tests, Sussex has averaged 77.7 bushels or 6 to 7 bushels higher than either Barsoy, Henry, Maury, or Surry.

Barley producers may want to try a limited acreage next year.

APPOMATTOX FFA CHAPTER members last week received national recognition for achievement in community development activities at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. (Left to right) Mr. Charles Shuman, Administrator, Farmers Home Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture and G. Dee Smith, Executive Vice President, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, a subsidiary of R. J. Reynolds, Industries, Inc., greeted Richard Conner, chapter 1st Vice President. The chapter was one of 191 Building Our American Community (BOAC) winners recognized at the special awards banquet. The banquet was hosted by the National FFA Foundation, Inc., and the BOAC special sponsor, R. J. Reynolds, Inc. of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The BOAC program recognizes FFA chapters for their community development activities. BOAC Awards are presented at the area, state and national levels for a wide variety of community development activities including preserving community history, organizing local farmer markets, building community fire halls, and many other improvement projects. BOAC provides leadership development opportunities to members by giving them a chance to work with community leaders and organizations.

From VHDA

Low-interest loans available

The Virginia Housing Development Authority has made available $161 million in low-interest loans for single-family homebuyers.

Proceeds from the sale of the Authority's recent Residential Mortgage Bonds, 1982 Series B, will be used in combination with undisbursed proceeds from an earlier 1982 issue. Borrowers who qualify for the new funds will make a combined monthly payment equivalent to a payment on a mortgage loan at an interest rate of approximately 11¾%. The loan, however, will consist of two mortgage notes, each bearing separate interest rates and each amortizing separately.

At the same time VHDA completed the sale of the tax exempt bonds, it established maximum income and sales price guidelines for borrowers. Liberalized eligibility guidelines will continue, however, on proceeds from a 1981 issue through December 10.

The statewide maximum adjusted income applicable on the new funds will be $24,400 to purchase new or substantially rehabilitated homes and $18,000 to purchase existing homes. The maximum sales price on newly constructed homes will be $51,500 and on substantially rehabilitated homes will be $42,600 The sales price ceiling on existing homes will be $36,500.

Exceptions to these limits apply in the following designated areas:

In the Richmond area (Richmond City and the counties of Chesterfield, Henrico, Hanover, Goochland, Powhatan, New Kent, Charles City), the maximum sales price will be $51,500 on newly constructed and substantially rehabilitated homes and $43,500 on existing homes. The maximum adjusted income to purchase a new or substantially rehabilitated home will be $24,400 and $20,700 to purchase an existing home.

In Tidewater and on the Peninsula, (cities of Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Suffolk, Chesapeake, Poquoson, Williamsburg, Newport News, Hampton, and the counties of Gloucester, James City and York), the maximum sales price will be $61,600 on newly constructed homes and $43,700 on existing homes. In Tidewater, the maximum sales price on substantially rehabilitated homes will be $51,900. On the Peninsula, it will be $43,700. The maximum adjusted income to purchase a new or substantially rehabilitated home will be $29,000. The income ceiling to purchase an existing home will be $20,800.

In the Northern Virginia SMSA cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park and Fairfax as well as the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun), the maximum sales price will be $72,100 on newly constructed and substantially rehabilitated homes and on existing homes will be $67,100. The maximum adjusted income to purchase a new or substantially rehabilitated home will be $33,800. The income ceiling to purchase an existing home will be $31,600.

VHDA has financed homes for over 22,000 families with funds raised through the sale of tax-exempt bonds. Loans are made to qualifying first-time home buyers through lenders located in over 400 locations in all parts of the state.

VHDA bonds are general obligations of the Authority payable out of the Authority's assets. The Commonwealth of Virginia is not liable on the bonds. Virginia Housing Development Authority is self-supporting and receives no tax monies from the State.

Squad gets 68 calls

The Appomattox County Rescue Squad answered a total of 68 calls during the month of October.

Squad members traveled a total of 2,342 miles using a total of 366 man hours in the process. A breakdown of calls follows:

Auto wrecks, 8; falls, 4; transports, 11; miscellaneous, 6; chest pains, 5; stand by, 7; football games, 7; breathing difficulties, 5; burns, 2; heart attacks, 3; diabetics, 2; abdominal pains, 5; broken bones, 2; overdose, 1.

Trustees endorse satellite idea

The Patrick Henry Boys Plantation, Inc. Board of Trustees has approved the development of a satellite group home for 12 boys.

Based on initial surveys conducted in Mecklenburg, Halifax, Appomattox, Amherst and Bedford Counties, the Board has determined that there is a unanimous expression of need and sufficient expression of interest within the counties surveyed to proceed with the Satellite Group Home Project.

The surveys included the Board of Supervisors, elected officials, School Board Chairman, J & D Court Judge, County Administrator, Dept. of Social Services Director and other officials in each selected county.

Since the implementation of this study, other areas of the state have expressed interest in being considered by the Board of Trustees for the location of the satellite group home. The Board of Trustees has authorized a committee to complete the investigation and make a recommendation for the location of the proposed satellite group home.

It is anticipated that this committee will conduct more indepth surveys in at least three of the five counties included in the initial surveys and several other locations that have expressed concrete interest in the project. It is scheduled for the survey work to be completed in early 1983.

The satellite group home will be a facility to provide a substitute Christian home for boys from 6 to 17 who need care which their natural home cannot provide.

The program will be operated with the same program philosophy and objective as the Boys Home program at Brookneal and the Patrick Henry Girls Home at Rustburg. The Boys Home began operations February 1, 1961 and the Girls Home began operations January 22, 1979.

These programs are operated by a volunteer Board of Trustees and without any form of governmental funding. The new satellite group home will be operated by the same Board of Trustees and will be supervised by the current staff management.

It is anticipated that this group home would be located on a minimum of 45 to 50 acres so that the program could include gardening, light farming and livestock. It would also be important that the facility be convenient to school, church, medical care, recreation and other supporting community services.

Appomattox cited in farm family awards

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Barnhart, Rocky Mount, were presented the 1982 Outstanding Young Farmer Family Award in the Southside Area during the Annual Area Young Farmer Convention at the Staunton River High School, November 11.

The Barnharts were presented an engraved silver tray from the Virginia Bankers Association and a check for $100. from the Farm Credit Services Association of Farmville.

The David Moore family of Charlotte County as first runner-up also received a check for $50 from the Farm Credit Services Association.

Other individuals and associations recognized were: Membership Development - Snow Creek, Franklin Co.; Outstanding Association - Appomattox Co.; Farm & Home Safety - Snow Creek, Franklin Co.; Soils Judging - Halifax; Forestry Judging - Appomattox Co.; Corn Growing - Joel Pugh, Charlotte Co.; Silage Growing - Earl LaPrade, Rocky Mount; Honorary Membership - H. A. Watson, Moneta; and Spokesperson for Agriculture - Rick Hubbard, Amelia.

Guest speaker for the event was Cullen Johnson, Director of Public Relations for the Virginia Farm Bureau.

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Father seeks help for son

Timothy Padgett

Timothy D. Padgett, formerly of Appomattox, and now living in Lynchburg, is 16 years of age. But, the lifestyle that young Padgett follows is not that of the average 16 year old. He was born with an open spine, Spina Bifida; he is paralyzed.

Tim, who attended Appomattox County High School through grade nine, has undergone surgery a total of 21 times.

Timothy's father, Charles Padgett, who lives on the edge of Campbell County, is trying to get enough money to buy his son a Cycle Chair. The cost of the battery operated chair is approximately $1,100 but the factory will let Padgett have the chair for $900. He has saved $350.00 of the needed amount but is having a hard time trying to get the entire amount.

"I would appreciate any help in trying to get the Cycle Chair for Timmy," said his father.

"Timmy would be able, with the new chair to get around a bit more and it would make life a lot more pleasant for him. I would really like to get the chair for him by Christmas," Charles Padgett added.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution may do so by mailing the donation to Charles Padgett, Lot 8, Route 1, Concord, Va. 23938.

Williams recital slated

Renee Williams will present her senior recital this Sunday, Nov. 21, at 4 p.m. in the Molnar Recital Hall of the Wynal Music Building at Longwood College.

Included in her recital will be works by Mozart, Brahms, Debussy, Creston, and Dvork.

Renee will be assisted by Joan Mosca, soprano; Sue Wilkerson, playing the piano and Laurie Hollander, also playing the piano.

Renee is the dauhter of the Rev. and Mrs. James N. Williams.

Garden Club to meet

The Appomattox Garden Club will meet on Monday, November 22, 7:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Parish Hall. The program will consist of a Christmas Workshop featuring Kissing Balls, Pomander Balls, Wreaths, Door Sprays and Christmas Corsages.

Club members serving as leaders in the different categories will be Ann Kerr, Kitty Sears, Ann Robinson, Margaret Shields, Edith O'Brien, Edith Nash, Beulah Jamerson and Emily Burke.

Horticulture specimens will be the only exhibit for this month.

Pamplin Club to meet

Pamplin Homemakers will meet Thursday evening, November 18, at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Robert Miner, Route 628.

The program will be on Christmas decorations. We will also have an ingathering of food and clothing for the county pantry and cupboard.

We would like to have you join our meeting, and perhaps join our group. We have room for all people regardless of race, creed or color or sex.

STUDENTS AT APPOMATTOX MIDDLE SCHOOL got a taste of the space age recently when Roy Franklin of Appomattox Electronics brought a television satellite-signal-receiver dish to the school for a demonstration. The students watched television programs from various parts of the world, beamed into Appomattox via communications satellites in orbit around the earth, similar to the ones launched by the space shuttle last week. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Birth announced

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dudley Gordon, of 4504 Drum Castle Court, Virginia Beach, Va., have announced the birth of a son, John David.

He was born Nov. 10, 1982 at Norfolk General Hospital, and weighed seven pounds, four ounces at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler of Route 2, Appomattox, and paternal grandparents are Mr. Dudley Gordon of Ahoskie, N.C., and the late Edith W. Gordon.

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worked for 42 years with the American Red Cross.

Survivors include two sons, William Smith Moses, Roanoke, and Don Moses Jr. of Baltimore, Md.; a daughter, Peggy Moses Harvey, Appomattox; six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Robinson Funeral Home by Dr. V. W. Sears. Burial was in Liberty Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Westvaco cited

WESTVACO CORPORATION was recognized by the Garden Clubs of Virginia for "meritorious achievement" in forest management, conservation and environment education on Oct. 27 in Richmond, VA. Accepting the award from Mrs. Edward L. Dashiell, Jr., Conservation Chairman, is Jack A. Hammond, Manager of Westvaco's Bleached paperboard making operation in Covington, VA. David Coffman of Appomattox, a forester with the company, looks on.

Open House planned

DEAN SMITH, OWNER OF THE NEW CERAMIC HOUSE, next door to D & D Nursery and Greenhouse, one-half mile out on highway 26, is shown with just a few of the finished gifts and greenware available at Ceramic House. In addition to finished gifts, greenware, personalized ornaments, Christmas decorations, Ceramic House offers a full line of paint, decals, accessories, and classes for those who want to make their own gifts. On Sat., Nov. 20 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Ceramic House and D & D Nursery and Greenhouse will hold Christmas Open House; it will also be Grand Opening for Ceramic House. Refreshments will be served and there will be ten percent off all items in D & D Nursery and Greenhouse.

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